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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

DORIS M. LEE,)	CIVIL NO. C V 07-00301 JMS/BMK
)	
Plaintiff,)	COMPLAINT; EXHIBITS "A - D";
)	SUMMONS
vs.)	
)	
ARS NATIONAL SERVICES, INC.)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Plaintiff, by and through her undersigned attorney and alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This Complaint is filed and these proceedings are instituted under the "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act" 15 U.S.C. Section 1692, et seq., to recover actual and statutory damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit by reason of the Defendant's violations of that Act. Plaintiff seeks actual and statutory damages arising out of Defendant's misrepresentations and failure to make required disclosures in the collection of an alleged debt.

JURISDICTION

2. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 15 U.S.C.A. Section 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C.A. Section 1337. The supplemental jurisdiction of this Court is invoked over Count II of the Complaint, which arises under Chapters 443B and 480 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff is a natural person and is a resident of the State of Hawaii.

4. Defendants is a corporation doing business in the State of Hawaii as a collection agency and debt collector, and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

FACTS

5. Within the year prior to the filing of this action, Defendant has been attempting on behalf of a third party to collect an alleged debt from Plaintiff.

6. On or about March 20, 2007, Defendant sent its first letter to Plaintiff. A true copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

7. On April 13, 2007, Defendant's counsel sent a letter to Defendant requesting verification of the debt. A true copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

8. On May 9, 2007, Defendant sent the requested verification to Plaintiff at her counsel's address. A true copy of that letter (without attachments) is attached as Exhibit "C".

9. On May 11, 2007, a female employee of Defendant called Plaintiff regarding the above account and stated that there was a balance due on the account.

10. On May 14, 2007 a female employee of Defendant, who identified herself as Fatima, called Plaintiff again regarding the above account asking for payment.

11. On May 21, 2007 Fatima called again regarding collection of the account and asked Plaintiff to give her a fax number and/or her email address.

12. On May 22, 2007, Defendant sent another letter addressed to Plaintiff at her counsel's address. A true copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

13. The underlying debt was incurred primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

COUNT I

14. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 13 of this Complaint.

15. Defendant has violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in the following ways:

(a) Defendant has used false, deceptive and misleading misrepresentations in connection with the collection of the above claim in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1692e.

(b) Defendant has used unfair means to collect and to attempt to collect the above claim in violation of 15 U.S.C.

§1692f.

(c) Defendant has not sent to Plaintiff the proper notices and/or verifications required by the Act in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1692g.

COUNT II

16. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 15 of this Complaint.

17. Defendant has violated Chapters 443B and 480 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes as alleged above.

18. Defendant's violations of HRS Chapter 443B and of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act constitute unfair and deceptive acts or practices in violation of H.R.S. Chapter 480.

19. Defendant's contacts, demands and disclosures in connection with the above-described collection were immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, and substantially injurious to Plaintiff as a consumer, and were unfair and deceptive, in violation of H.R.S. Chapter 480. The acts and representations of Defendant described herein had the capacity of deceive Plaintiff.

20. Plaintiff has suffered injury to her property in an amount to be proved at trial, by reason of Defendant's violations.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court:

AS TO COUNT I

1. Award Plaintiff his actual damages as will be proved.
2. Award Plaintiff statutory damages of \$1000.00.

AS TO COUNT II

3. Award Plaintiff damages in the amount of three times the injury to her property, but not less than \$1000.00.

AS TO ALL COUNTS

4. Award Plaintiff reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

5. Award Plaintiff other appropriate relief.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, June 1, 2007.



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